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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

George N. Serbedzija et al.

Application No.: 09/255,397

Filed: February 22, 1999

For: METHODS OF SCREENING  
AGENTS FOR ACTIVITY IN  
TELEOSTS

Examiner: R. Shukla

Art Unit: 1632

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2000 for three (3) months, from April 4, 2000 to July 5, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$435.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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